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To Mr. Cangialosi, Salvatore A  
From Kenta Hori  
Date Apr. 21, 2005

Subject: Response to Office Action was returned without opened.

Sir,

I have sent my Response to your Office Action to the address exactly as described in your letter (please see page2 of this fax). It says the mail could not be forwarded (please see page 3 of this fax).

Please tell me the certain way of sending my Response.

Also, I sent the Response well advance of the deadline. But it is behind the deadline now.

I believe this trouble is not my mistake, because I sent it exactly as described in your letter, and I hope you receive my Response as one sent before the deadline. Also, if it's not my fault, as I believe, I'd like to resend the Response on your charge this time.

Please take care of this, and advise me.

Thank you,

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limitations of claim 17, any of the items of prior art show program implementation of authorization (See cols. 7-12 of Clark) and a storage medium (See cd-rom, element 14 of Subler et al) which is the conventional functional equivalent of the claim limitations. Regarding claim 12, Clark (See Figs. 1-3, 16, 18 Col. 3, lines 5-20) disclose means (See Cols. 7-12) for employing a license server employing a user key (element 5) which is detected and tested substantially as claimed. The differences between the above and the claimed invention is the use of key based on user uniqueness. Subler et al (Col. 2, lines 55-65) or Shin et al (See Figs. 1-2, Col. 2, lines 35-55) show a key generator based on unique user characteristic data. It would have been obvious to the person having ordinary skill in this art to provide a similar arrangement for Clark because Key generators are conventional functional equivalents of the claim limitations.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Salvatore Cangialosi at telephone number (703) 305-1837. The examiner can normally be reached 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell, can be reached at (703) 305-9768.

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